

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 219715

65

ORIGIN EUR-08

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00 ACDA-10 PM-03 SP-02

CIAE-00 INR-05 INRE-00 L-01 PRS-01 SAJ-01 TRSE-00 H-01

SSO-00 EB-03 /055 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/RPM:VLEHOVICH:PM:JGOODBY:MEM

APPROVED BY EUR:LBLAINGEN

OSD/ISA:GEN. BOWMAN

C:JDOBBINS

S/S: REWOODS

EUR/RPM:HAHOLMES

----- 112898

O R 152312Z SEP 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION NATO

INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS

USNMR SHAPE

USCINCEUR

US LOSACLANT

CINCLANT

SECDEF

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 219715

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, FR, MPOL, PFOR, NATO

SUBJECT: STANDARDIZATION: POSSIBLE NAC MEETING

REFS: A. USNATO 4944 DTG 111715 SEP 75; B. STATE 176498

DTG 2523307 JUL 75; C. STATE 200959 DTG 222356Z AUG 75

HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 219715

1. WE CONCUR IN MISSION'S VIEW THAT INITIAL NAC MEETING
ON STANDARDIZATION ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 17 WOULD BE
TIMELY OCCASION TO LAUNCH EXCHANGE OF ALLIED VIEWS. WE
ARE ENCOURAGED AT SIGNS OF FRENCH INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT,

AND AGREE THAT NAC DISCUSSION BEFORE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S VISIT TO PARIS COULD SERVE TO FACILITATE PRODUCTIVE TALKS WITH FRENCH ON STANDARDIZATION.

2. WE AGREE THAT US CONTRIBUTION TO NAC DISCUSSED REFTEL A, COULD BE LIMITED ALONG LINES OUTLINED IN PARA 9 REFTEL A, I.E., A STATEMENT OF THE NEED FOR STANDARDIZATION, CIRCULATION OF QTE US VIEWS ON ESSENTIAL BASES OF STANDARDIZATION UNQTE (DRAWING ON STATE 208189), AND EXPOSITION OF US VIEWS ON STEERING COMMITTEE.

3. FOLLOWING ARE POINTS YOU MIGHT WISH TO EMPHASIZE IN

NAC MEETING 17 SEPTEMBER ON STANDARDIZATION.

A. DRAWING ON REF B, NOTE US INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO STANDARDIZATION, AS ILLUSTRATED BY PRESIDENT'S NATO SUMMIT SPEECH.

CONCEPT HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE CONGRESS AND ARTICULATED MORE FULLY BY SECDEF IN HIS REPORT TO CONGRESS ON STANDARDIZATION AND IN THE DPC.

B. IMPORTANT INITIAL TASK OF THE NAC IS TO AGREE ON PRINCIPLES THAT WILL GUIDE NATO STANDARDIZATION. TO THIS

END, WE ENDORSE SPEEDY FORMATION OF A STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTING TO NAC TO DEVELOP PRINCIPLES IN DETAIL.

C. THE NAC IS AND WILL REMAIN CENTRAL IN THE FORMATION OF STANDARDIZATION POLICY WHICH AFFECTS THE BASIC INTERESTS OF ALL THE NATO MEMBERS. THUS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS SERVE TO ENGAGE, NOT DISENGAGE, THE POLITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE. (FYI: WE BELIEVE WE HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF COMMON GROUND WITH DE ROSE'S VIEWS IN NOT WANTING NATO STAFF TO BECOME DRIVING OR CONTROLLING FORCE BEHIND ALLIED WORK ON STANDARDIZATION. MISSION MAY WISH TO REITERATE THIS CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 219715

POINT TO FRENCH IN ADVANCE OF NAC DISCUSSION, AND POINT OUT THAT WE WOULD EXPECT TO CONTINUE CLOSE BILATERAL CONSULTATION OF THE KIND REPRESENTED BY UPCOMING SECDEF VISIT AND THAT CONSULTATION IN THE SMALLER GROUPS IS ALSO FEASIBLE BRACKETS THE ATLANTIC CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDE A RECENT EXAMPLE END BRACKETS END FYI).

THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S INITIAL TASKS COULD BE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON STANDARDIZATION, TO DEVELOP A STATEMENT OF BASIC PRINCIPLES ON STANDARDIZATION FOR THE NAC AND FOR MINISTERS, TO REVIEW POSSIBLE SPECIFIC GOALS IN STANDARDIZATION, AND TO DRAFT A QTE PROGRESS REPORT UNQTE ON STANDARDIZATION ACTIVITIES AMONG ALLIES AND AN

INITIAL PLAN FOR PHASED SELECTION OF NEW SYSTEMS.

D. SUCH A GROUP SHOULD REFLECT THE IMPORTANT NATURE OF THE SUBJECT, AND THE WEIGHT THAT THE ALLIES ATTACH TO IT. THUS, WE BELIEVE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL WANT TO BE PERSONALLY ENGAGED IN THIS WORK, AND THAT EACH ALLY WILL WISH TO BE REPRESENTED AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND IN A MANNER BEST FITTED FOR DEALING WITH THIS IMPORTANT, COMPLEX SUBJECT WHICH EMBRACES

POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND OTHER TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

E. WE BELIEVE THAT INITIAL ROLE OF STEERING COMMITTEE AS OUTLINED ABOVE IS SUCH THAT INDIVIDUAL ALLIES RATHER THAN NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN DEVELOPING CONCEPTS, OUTLINING MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS, AND SETTING PACE OF WORK. AT SAME TIME, STEERING COMMITTEE SHOULD MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF NATO'S RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE. THUS, WE WOULD ENVISAGE ROLE FOR SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, MILITARY AGENCY FOR STANDARDIZATION, AND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES-GENERAL.

F. IF THE SUBJECT IS RAISED OF HOW EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF ALLIANCE MIGHT BEST ORGANIZE THEMSELVES IN CONTRIBUTING TO STANDARDIZATION EFFORTS, SUGGEST YOU STATE THAT ISSUE CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 219715

IS ONE FOR EUROPEANS TO TAKE LEAD ON, AND THAT US RETAINS OPEN MIND. (FYI: WE AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR BRUCE THAT CONSISTENT WITH PROTECTION OF ITS INTEREST, US QTE SHOULD SUPPORT, EVEN QUIETLY ENCOURAGE, OPENING OF A WAY FOR FRANCE TO JOIN OTHER ALLIES IN DISCUSSIONS OF THE KIND CONDUCTED THUS FAR IN EUROGROUP, UNQTE PROVIDED THESE DISCUSSIONS GO FORWARD IN A WAY CONSISTENT WITH NATO OBJECTIVES AND FRAMEWORK. END FYI.) POSTS MAY DRAW ON PARAS 4 AND 5, AND LAST SENTENCE PARA 9 OF REF C IN BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS IF THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN EXPLAINING GENERAL US VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT.

KISSINGER

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 26 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ALLIANCE, STANDARDS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 SEP 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: buchant0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE219715
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EUR/RPM:VLEHOVICH:PM:JGOODBY:MEM
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D750319-0982
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t197509104/baaaaboo.tel
Line Count: 155
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: buchant0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <30 APR 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <29 DEC 2003 by buchant0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: n/a
TAGS: MILI, MPOL, PFOR, FR, NATO, NAC
To: NATO INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS
USNMR SHAPE
USCINCEUR
US LOSACLANT
CINCLANT
SECDEF

Type: TE

Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006